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THE MANY friends of Major General William J. Snow, founder of the U. S. Field Artillery Association and first Chief of Field Artillery, will be grieved to learn of his recent loss. Mrs. Isabel L. Snow, his wife for more than fifty years, died at Walter Reed General Hospital on November 18, 1944. Services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, followed by interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

FROM OUR COVER PICTURE it appears that German's dairy herds are still sizable and sleek. These Holsteins are due for a rude shock shortly, however, when the 8" howitzer yclept "G. I. Hell" speaks its piece.

WE ARE FORTUNATE this month to be able to present so many accounts of amphibious invasions. Tarawa was the first against a coral atoll. Bloody though it was, its lessons were taken to heart to save many, many lives in later operations. Peleliu was also invaded by Marines; matters went quite differently there.

European operations were thoroughly and carefully rehearsed. Even so, not all went "according to plan." The 111th FA Bn had perhaps as rough a time of it as did any artillery unit.

Special attention is due Capt. Knowles's description of Burmese fighting. We hope to have more material from that area before long.

NEXT MONTH will bring accounts of air OPs in the South Pacific; a magnificent account of operations of a group at Cassino; a description of short range firing against the Siegfried Line; a number of Russian articles; and one by Maj. Raymond, who has compiled so many authentic accounts for these pages.

IN THE COMING YEAR we anticipate a continued flow of your splendid combat accounts, written on the spot by you who know the details so well. These not only help those who will follow you, but are of great interest and value to artillerymen in other and quite different theaters. Your cooperation and efforts are deeply appreciated by all.

WE WOULD REMIND overseas members that for only \$1 per year extra, their "pony" JOURNALS will go to them by first class mail, at a much greater speed.

To all members we say, "Be sure to keep us posted concerning your full and correct address!"

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